

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14433–S14571

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1280–1284, and S. Res. 176. **Page S14547**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for fiscal year 1996” (S. Rept. 104–149) **Page S14547**

Measures Passed:

Truth in Lending: Senate passed H.R. 2399, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to clarify the intent of such Act and to reduce burdensome regulatory requirements on creditors, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S14566–68**

Official Office Expenses: Senate agreed to S. Res. 176, relating to expenditures for official office expenses. **Pages S14568–69**

Attorney’s Fees Equity Act: Senate passed S. 144, to amend section 526 of title 28, United States Code, to authorize awards of attorney’s fees. **Page S14569**

Bankruptcy Code Corrections: Senate passed S. 977, to correct certain references in the Bankruptcy Code. **Page S14569**

Biotechnological Patents: Senate passed S. 1111, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes. **Pages S14569–70**

Judicial Tenure: Senate passed S. 531, to authorize a circuit judge who has taken part in an in banc hearing of a case to continue to participate in that case after taking senior status, after agreeing to a committee amendment. **Page S14570**

Defense Production Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 1147, to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950. **Page S14570**

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations, 1996: By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 471), Senate rejected a motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2127,

making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, (The motion, pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 27, 1995, required 60 votes or more.) **Pages S14438–48**

Also, by 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 472), Senate again rejected the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. **Pages S14448–56**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations, 1996: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with committee amendments, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S14471–S14546**

Adopted:

(1) Gramm Amendment No. 2813, to make certain technical corrections. **Pages S14501–02**

(2) Hatfield Amendment No. 2814 (to committee amendment beginning on page 2, line 9 through page 3, line 5), to add funds by increasing 602(b) allocations. **Pages S14502–05**

(3) Gramm (for Abraham/Grams) Amendment No. 2820, to terminate the Regulatory Coordination Advisory Committee, the Biotechnology Technical Advisory Committee, and the Advisory Corrections Counsel. **Pages S14539–40**

(4) Gramm (for Helms) Amendment No. 2821, to extend the authority to administer au pair programs through fiscal year 1999. **Pages S14539–40**

(5) Gramm (for Dorgan/Conrad) Amendment No. 2822, to express the sense of the Senate on United States-Canada Cooperation concerning an outlet to relieve flooding at Devils Lake in North Dakota. **Pages S14539–40**

(6) Gramm (for Hollings) Amendment No. 2823, to increase funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program. **Pages S14539–40**

(7) Gramm (for Hollings) Amendment No. 2824, to reduce funding for the Commerce Reorganization Transition Fund. **Pages S14539–40**

(8) Gramm Amendment No. 2825, to provide for the relocation of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting.

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(9) Gramm (for Hatfield/Hollings) Amendment No. 2826, providing that the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships, Inc., may use any earned but unused trust income from the period 1992–1995 for Fellowship purposes.

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(10) Gramm (for Helms) Amendment No. 2827, to waive until December 1, 1995, the requirement for authorizations of appropriations for Department of State funding.

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(11) Gramm (for Helms/Pell) Amendment No. 2828, to make available for diplomatic and consular programs funds collected from new fees charged for the expedited processing of certain visas and border crossing cards.

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Pending:

Biden Amendment No. 2815, to restore funding for grants to combat violence against women.

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McCain/Dorgan Amendment No. 2816, to ensure competitive bidding for DBS spectrum.

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Kerrey Amendment No. 2817, to decrease the amount of funding for Federal Bureau of Investigation construction and increase the amount of funding for the National Information Infrastructure.

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Biden/Bryan Amendment No. 2818, to restore funding for residential substance abuse treatment for State prisoners, rural drug enforcement assistance, the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994, drug courts, grants or contracts to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to establish Boys and Girls Clubs in public housing, and law enforcement family support programs, to restore the authority of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, to strike the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Block Grant Program, and to restore the option of States to use prison block grant funds for boot camps.

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Domenici Amendment No. 2819 (to committee amendment on page 26, line 18), to improve provisions relating to appropriations for legal assistance.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, September 30, 1995.

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Small Business Lending Enhancement Act—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 895, to amend the Small Business Act to reduce the level of participation by the Small Business Administration in certain loans guaranteed by the Administration.

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Appointments:

North Atlantic Assembly Fall Meeting: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly Fall Meeting during the First Session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Turin, Italy, October 5–9, 1995: Senators Cochran, Grassley, Murkowski, Gorton, and Akaka.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: James L. Dennis, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 473), Senate rejected a motion to recommit the nomination to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—473)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 9:52 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, September 29, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S14571.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.